

present invention over the relied upon references.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please **REPLACE** claim 1 as follows.

Please **ADD** new claim 9.

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1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A license devolution apparatus accessing a first storage medium storing contents encrypted with a predetermined key, a first media ID identifying the first storage medium, and a first encryption secure information generated by encrypting the key and a first use information, representing a right to use the contents, together with one another or individually, with the first media ID, and accessing a second storage medium storing a second media ID identifying the second storage medium, wherein the right of using the contents stored in said first storage medium is devolved from said first storage medium to said second storage medium, said license devolution apparatus comprising:

decoding means for decoding the first encryption secure information stored in said first storage medium using the first media ID to obtain the key and the first use information; and

encryption means for encrypting the key and a second use information, representing a second right to use the contents that is devolved from the first storage medium to the second storage medium, together with one another or individually, with the second media ID, to generate a second encryption secure information for storage in said second storage medium.

9. (NEW) A license devolution system in communication with computer readable storages, comprising:

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an access unit accessing a first storage unit having a first storage ID and storing contents encrypted with a predetermined key and storing a first encryption secure information generated by encrypting the key and a first use information, which represents a right to use the contents, with the first storage ID, and accessing a second storage unit having a second storage ID identifying the second storage unit;

a decoder decoding the first encryption secure information stored in said first storage unit using the first storage ID to obtain the key and the first use information; and